



# Minutes Nevada Homeland Security Commission Quarterly Meeting

## ATTENDANCE

<b>DATE</b>	3 August 2006
<b>TIME</b>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
<b>LOCATION</b>	401 S Carson St – Carson City 555 W Washington – Las Vegas
<b>METHOD</b>	Teleconference between sites
<b>RECORDER</b>	Denise Parsons

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Legislative &amp; Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others</b>	<b>Present</b>
Dr. Dale Carrison, Chairman	X	Senator Dennis Nolan	
Jerry Keller, Vice-Chairman	X	Assemblyman John Ocegüera	
Maureen Peckman		Glade Myler, Attorney General's Office	X
Robert Hadfield	X	Dr. Bradford Lee, Nevada State Health Division	
Steven Martinez	X	Frank Siracusa, Director, Division of Emergency Mgmt	X
Gonzalo Cordova	X	Dr. Christopher Lake, Nevada Hospital Association	X
Robert Fisher	X	Heidi Sakelarios, Health Program Manager, Nevada State Health Division	
Steven Smith	X	Giles Vanderhoof, Homeland Security Administrator	X
Jim Spinello	X	Gwen Hadd, Homeland Security Administrators Office	X
Rosemary Vassiliadis		Valerie Sumner, Homeland Security Administrators Office	X
Bill Welch		Larry Casey, Homeland Security Commission Staff	
Paul Wagner		Denise Parsons, Homeland Security Commission Staff	X
Dennis Balaam	X	Elaine Fisher, DEM	X
William Young	X	Karen Kennard, Director, SERC	X
		Terry Savage, Director, Department of Information Technology	X
		Mark Blomstrom, Deputy Director, Department of Information Technology	X
		Maggie Thorne, Exec. Asst., Department of Information Technology	X
		Laurie A. Thom, Indian Health Board of Nevada	X

## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

At 9:00 am Chairman Carrison called the meeting to order. Larry Casey called the roll. 10 of 14 members were present, and so a quorum was established.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Carrison entertained a motion to approve the minutes of April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and June 16<sup>th</sup> HSC meetings.

Bob Hadfield motioned to approve the minutes.

Dennis Balaam seconded it. The minutes were approved.

## **2. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Carrison stated that Mark Blomstrom, Deputy Director, Department of Information Technology was retiring, and read aloud the proclamation that Mark received from the governor, dated August 4, 2006 which thanked him for his many years of exemplary service.

Additionally, Chairman Carrison thanked Mark for all his hard work.

Chairman Carrison wanted it stated for the record that the Commission had sent a letter to the Institute for Security Studies in support of the Vulnerability Assessment.

Glade Myler stated that there were two additional sets of “confidential” minutes from the meetings held in closed session on April 26<sup>th</sup>, and June 16<sup>th</sup> that the commission should also discuss approving.

Bob Hadfield motioned to approve the “confidential” minutes. Jim Spinello seconded it. The two confidential sets of minutes from April 26<sup>th</sup> & June 16<sup>th</sup> were unanimously approved.

## **5. PRESENTATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALLOCATING HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS**

Bob Hadfield stated that the finance committee met on July 20, 2006, to review the Grant Award Process. Then, Mr. Hadfield introduced Frank Siracusa, Director of Nevada Division of Emergency Management, and Kamala Carmazzi, Deputy Director of Nevada Division of Emergency Management, and asked them to review the process.

Mr. Siracusa began by stating that in FY06 the new process is more competitive and that there is only one application for the state. Also, he stated that there was a collaborative body made up of individuals that through a series of 4 meetings, were tasked to take a look at the target capabilities list and evaluate its strengths and weaknesses. From the list they built an enhancement plan, and then they developed investment justifications or projects.

The group identified and prioritized all 11 investment justifications. The group identified Interoperable Communication as the #1 investment justification and Terrorism Early Warning as #2.

Mr. Siracusa also stated that no one agency was in charge, and the group looked at what was in the best interest for the state as a whole.

As a result, Nevada was in the top 25 nationwide and in the top 15% in interoperable communication.

He also stated that the state received \$20 million of the \$60 million that it initially requested and therefore had to make sure that the prioritization was based on a two-year process.

Mr. Hadfield asked, how did the state come together to allocate the funds?

Kamala Carmazzi began a brief presentation regarding the priorities of the investment justifications and thanked Clark County and Jim Spinello for all their assistance.

Ms. Carmazzi stated that the County and State are looking into hiring a program manager to oversee each and all investment justifications.

Dr. Carrison encouraged the commission to ask questions.

Ms. Carmazzi continued by stating that all eleven justifications were required to level all funding sources – all are funded under multi-sources. Also, the state will be sub-granting funds through Clark County – sub-grant through responsible agencies.

Ms. Carmazzi stated that the feds are looking at federal mandates and that the State will be forced to proceed as we did this year. The State will have lead agencies that will take a leadership role but it will not be agency specific and it will be statewide.

Regarding Breaking Down Barriers – Ms. Carmazzi stated that there is a training and exercise clarification. It's not DEM funds, but State funds that are already incorporated into a 3-year statewide plan.

She also stated that Statewatch is lead by Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department but that it is Statewide.

Mass Care & Shelter in Place will be managed by Clark County but it will begin to deal with special needs populations.

The state needs to pull together and recommend to the commission a source of legislation for all funds brought forth under this commission. Senator Heck already has a BDR 224 in the works.

She also stated that under Expansion and Maintenance of Citizen Corp there will be a strong emphasis on training.

Throughout the State there is still required an 80-20 split – more than 80% will reach local governments. Mr. Myler will be working to meet the 80-20 split through MOU's.

Mr. Keller asked what the surge capacity under medical surge would be?

Ms. Carmazzi stated that we can't answer relative to planning efforts – the State certainly has training exercises planned.

Chairman Carrison stated that the emphasis would be on getting everyone inside, and that the plan didn't specifically address law enforcement planning.

Mr. Lake stated that planning starts once patients hit the door.

Mr. Keller stated that there was talk with Dr. Lee about setting up temporary sites – concerned about negative impact.

Chairman Carrison stated that for the State to make the most rational decision we need to know what resources are available around the state.

Mr. Keller concurred and stated that money has to be incorporated into that. Everything is critical in handling a threat of attack.

Mr. Vanderhoof stated if you look at the Florida plan, they have pre-determined temporary triage sites that have proven to be very successful.

Ms. Carmazzi stated that she doesn't know what all the funding sources are. The "United We Stand" license plate State fees could be used a source of funding. She stated that the State can address 3-5 specific justifications for 07.

Mr. Keller recommended inside surge and outside crowd surge.

Mr. Hadfield motioned that the commission approve the finance committee's recommendations for allocating homeland security grant funds.

It was seconded by Mr. Spinello.

Mr. Spinello stated that there will be a need during an event to have full coordination of all resources. There are some programs already in place that

perform those functions. This frees up active duty police. The State needs to take a look at that.

Mr. Fisher commented on surge concerns. He stated that control will come from television and radio. Broadcasters are referred to as 1<sup>st</sup> responders.

Ms. Carmazzi stated that she appreciates the role of the media during an event. And also stated that Dan Burns is the chair and that he can provide this body with a presentation.

Chairman Carrison stated that the LVMPD took the lead with StateWatch.

Ms. Carmazzi concurred and stated that LVMPD has taken on a major undertaking.

The motion to approve the finance committee's recommendation to allocate homeland security grant funds as stated was approved. Gonzalo Cordova abstained from voting.

Ms. Carmazzi stated that there is a draft proposal for an agreement to be met into between the County & State.

Mr. Keller stated that an outside agency will have to be hired.

Ms. Carmazzi stated that there is statewide implementation of numerous projects.

Mr. Siracusa stated that the fiscal side will still be managed by DEM, and Mr. Myler is working on the MOU's at this point.

Mr. Vanderhoof stated that the folks in the North can't hear all the conversations.

Ms. Carmazzi stated that they don't have the money to fund the full amount and therefore have to keep funding on a yearly basis.

## **6. PRESENTATION REGARDING BUFFER ZONE PROTECTION PROGRAM**

Mike McClary, Deputy Chief, Homeland Security Division of LVMPD introduced Gonzalo Cordova, Protective Security Advisor, DHS.

Mr. Cordova presented an overview of the Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP):

1. He stated that the BZPP builds terrorism prevention.
2. The main objective is to prevent terrorists from performing surveillance.
3. Buffer Zone is outside an area that can be used to plan or launch an attack.

4. The BZPP is site specific and identifies specific threats.
5. It identifies all applicable law enforcement capabilities in regards to terrorism prevention and response.
6. In FY04 BZPP had 1849 sites.
7. In FY06 there were 198 sites. The original funding amount was not sufficient to implement those sites.
8. In FY06 \$199,000 to \$1 million per site. The site allocation is directly related to risk profile. Asset based risk + geographic based site.
9. Sites were selected by the National asset database and are sector specific – agencies provided input.
10. Certain sites are eligible to receive \$1 million – only 13 sites nationwide received over \$1 million. Nevada was one of 13 sites to receive over \$1 million.
11. Funding guidance – some sites may not utilize all funding. Part of funding can be shifted to another site.

Mr. Fisher asked if there was a reduction in sites due to funding or vulnerability? Is \$1 million enough to do BZPP?

Mr. Cordova responded that based on previous amount + risk methodology that's the amount they came up with—although it might not be enough—this is what was allocated. If locally they can meet the objective with less money, they can have the remainder of the money allotted to another site. The state receives the funds—they are not site specific.

12. Allowable use of funding includes: explosive devices, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Planning. 15% is allowable for critical infrastructure planning (CIP).

13. Requirements – BZPP and vulnerability reduction purchase plan must be submitted for each. Grant funds have to be integrated with National Priorities, area homeland security strategies and guidelines. BZPP must receive approval prior to funds being spent. 2-year program, from 09-30-06 – 09-30-08. If funds haven't been spent by that time, they will be re-allocated.

Mr. Fisher stated that now is not the time to be cutting funds since the threat is becoming more serious.

Mr. Cordova concurred and stated that in 2005 NV got \$900,000 and in 2006 NV got \$1,189,000.

Ms. Carmazzi stated that relative to decrease in the number of sites, the intent is to get 1 site done at a time and roll over the funds. She also stated that the state will not be withholding 5% for M & A.

Mr. Cordova stated that the Department of Homeland Security is working through the classification issue.

At 10:20 am, Chairman Carrison asked for a 10-minute break.

The meeting reconvened at 10:34 am.

## **7. APPROVAL OF BILL DRAFT REQUEST (BDR) AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Spinello stated that the BDR addresses two issues:

1. Makes DHS person a non-voting member of the commission.
2. Clarifies the language as to whether or not non-voting and non-members can be appointed to committees.

Mr. Spinello stated that he will entertain any discussion.

Chairman Carrison stated that he was not picking on Mr. Cordova, but that the agency providing money should abstain from voting.

Mr. Myler stated that it's an ongoing problem that needs to be tracked so that it gets in with the correct wording and doesn't get sidetracked again.

Chairman Carrison asked Mr. Cordova if had any questions?

Mr. Cordova responded that he doesn't have a problem acting in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Keller made a motion to accept the BDR. Mr. Hadfield seconded it. The motion carried. 1 abstention from Mr. Cordova.

## **8. PROPOSAL OF NV HOMELAND SECURITY COMMISSION CONTROL OF FUNDS**

Mr. Spinello stated that he can contact Senator Heck to include this in his BDR.

Mr. Keller stated that all monies would be grouped into the review of the commission.

Mr. Spinello stated that there needs to be a review to determine where all those funds are.

Mr. Keller stated that the commission should anticipate resistance to have HSC oversee their funds from entities receiving funds.

Chairman Carrison stated that the "United We Stand" license plate campaign funds could go for EMS funds.

Mr. Lake concurred and stated that the commission should stick to federal funds only – CDC and HRSA. He also stated that the format utilized by DEM is appropriate.

Mr. Keller concurred, and stated that he understands that the commission could not control private funds. He stated that commission needs to make sure that funds are not being duplicated for same projects.

Mr. Spinello stated that the Legislature can identify them, and look at the control issue.

Mr. Myler stated that there is currently no oversight for duplication. And, currently, radios being purchased may be in contradiction to interoperable communications.

Mr. Keller reminded everyone that it is now almost 5 years past 9-11, and we have to make progress on this issue. The commission needs to increase its ability to coordinate, to meet the needs of citizens.

## **9. NEVADA STATE CITIZENS CORP COUNCIL UPDATE**

Mr. Vanderhoof provided a review of activities regarding the State Citizen's Corp. Council. He stated that 10 people attended the last meeting and that the council is currently seeking new members. The first meeting will be held in October.

Chairman Carrison asked if there is currently a mechanism in place to get people appointed to the Citizens Corp Council?

Mr. Vanderhoof responded that one can go to the [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) website and click on Nevada with points of contact to join various groups.

Mr. Vanderhoof stated that Jim Lopey is heading things up in the North and wants to be on the Statewide Council.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Carrison asked if there was any public comment. He thanked Terry Savage and Mark Blomstrom for all their hard work in putting in place interoperable communication.

Mr. Keller stated that he looks forward to Mr. Blomstrom's participation as a volunteer.

Mr. Myler stated that Mr. Blomstrom has given him a draft MOU that has to be put in State format. Also, every county in NV has signed NEMAC and most of the cities except Reno, Sparks and Ely. Ely will be signing at the end of August.

Chairman Carrison stated that if you're a county and you don't participate in NEMAC, then you shouldn't expect to receive funds.

Mr. Fisher mentioned that the next Rural Task Force meeting will be on August 28, 2006 in Yerington, NV.



Mr. Cordova mentioned that DHS & DEM Soft Target Awareness Training was coming up. He stated that one could go to the State Training website to register.

Mr. Keller asked if it has been mentioned in the casinos?

Mr. Cordova responded that it had.

Lorrie Thom, Nevada Indian Health Board, asked what the Commission's plan is on getting the tribes incorporated in the MOU?

Chairman Carrison asked Mr. Myler how it is handled?

Mr. Myler stated that it is an 80%-20% split and that it does not include the tribal nations. However, tribes were involved in the investment justification process and will be invited to workshops around the state. It does benefit the tribes since they will be able to participate in each of the justifications.

Ms. Thom stated that she will inform the tribes about the 80%-20% split.

Mr. Myler mentioned that the team leaders will contact everyone.

Mr. Fisher stated that he had spent time with the tribes in a 2-day conference in Albuquerque, NM. There were 6 tribal leaders from NV in attendance. The Rural Task Force will be working closely with the tribal nations.

Mr. Keller stated that the commission needs a list of all the tribal nations.

Mr. Myler stated that DEM has one.

Mr. Fisher stated that the list is needed to determine the number of tribes.

Mr. Blomstrom stated that he attended the annual tribal nation meeting, and there is a tribal nation member on the Nevada Steering Communication Committee.

Mr. Keller stated that we have to make sure that we have a complete list. Points of contact need to be established.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:09 am, the Chairman entertained a motion for adjournment. Mr. Fisher made a motion to adjourn. Steve Smith seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

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